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Everything You Need to Know About Your New Clubhouse

by Sonya Fry

There are a few facts you need to know so that you can become thoroughly clubhouse savvy. The most important fact is the address: 40 West 45 Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues) New York, NY 10036. Club Quarters occupies a building that was erected in 1903 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It once housed the old Webster Hotel. That's why you'll see the raised letter "W" high on each side of the inside entrance walls.

Right now Club Quarters is in the middle of a giant construction zone. Next door a new Sofitel, French hotel, is being built and promises to be a beautiful structure. So the location is ideal and will only improve with time.

Club Quarters offers OPC members four major benefits: dining room, bar, rooms for programs and hotel rooms.

To make dining room reservations call: (212) 626-9310. The room itself is most pleasant and the food very good. I can personally vouch for the cold seafood



The gracious Living Room at Club Quarters awaits your arrival.

salad—the perfect antidote for a hazy, hot and humid New York summer. Freshly made soups are a chef specialty. Three meals a day are served.

The Bar is located in the Living Room area and is open daily from noon on. The Living Room, decorated in traditional style, always has fresh flowers and is an excellent place to meet before the theater.

Many OPC programs will be held on the second floor where there is a fully equipped room, divided by moveable panels, so that small meetings as well as large panel discussions can be held.

Hotel rooms are available to members at a very fair price (for New York). Rates are on a variable scale, \$96 to \$250, depending on day of the week, time of the year and availability. If the midtown location is sold out there is a Downtown Club Quarters at 52 William Street. The number for hotel reservations is: (212) 575-0006.

In addition to the two New York

locations Club Quarters hotels are also available in:

BOSTON: 161 Devonshire Street (near Faneuil Hall and the North End).

PHILADELPHIA: 1628 Chestnut Street (near Rittenhouse Square).

WASHINGTON, DC: 839 17th Street, NW (two blocks from the White House).

LONDON: 7-12 Gracechurch Street (near Tower of London) (44-171) 666-1616.

The OPC office will be located on the lower level of Club Quarters and our move is planned for mid-August.

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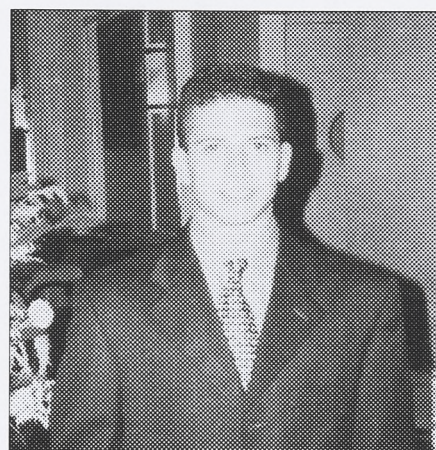
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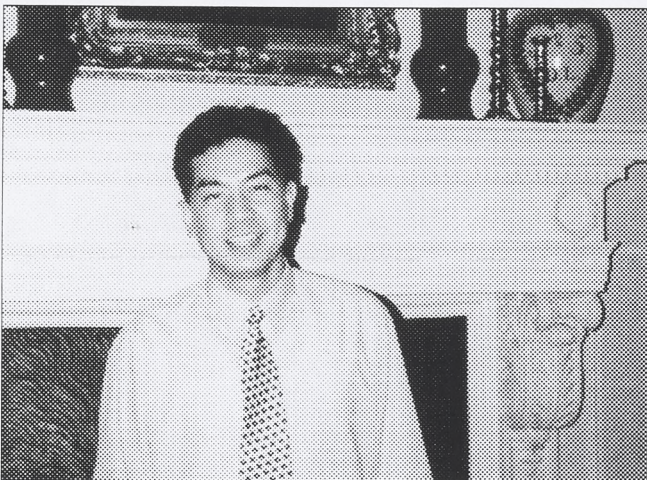
Marc Mullin, Club Manager, is the man you will see the most often because he is the jack-of-all-trades.



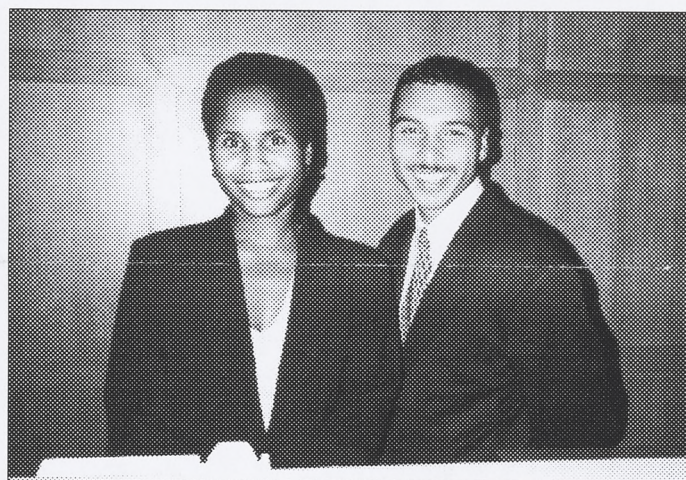
Edgar Garcia, Bartender and Waiter, is most eager to serve you your favorite beverage.



Michael Links, Food and Beverage Manager, greets you in the dining room.



Noel Namuco, Membership Coordinator, poses in front of the fireplace in the living room.



Jarleen Evans and Danny Gautier, at the Front Desk, welcome you to Club Quarters.

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The OPC: A Look Back

On April 2, 1939 a small group of foreign correspondents gathered at the famed Roundtable of New York's Algonquin Hotel and the Overseas Press Club was born. Of the 13 founding members, only Fay Gillis Wells (see New Books, page 8) and Bob Benjamin are still alive. OPC member Larry Smith chronicled the early days of our club for the special 60th Anniversary issue of the OPC magazine Dateline. Here are some excerpts from that article, starting with the Algonquin lunch:

by Larry Smith

Those who met that day were led by Charles Ferlin, who had started the ball rolling with a call for action over drinks at a joint called Rocky's on Ninth Street and Sixth Avenue. He was joined by Samuel Dashiell, Hal Lehrman, Irene Corbally Kuhn, Wythe Williams, Eugene Lyons, Linton and Fay Wells and Robert Spiers Benjamin, who was 23 at the time and just back from Panama, where he had been stringing for the AP....

The infant OPC needed funds (surprise), so its patrons came up with the idea for a dinner at the Park Lane Hotel on Feb. 2, 1940, and Bob Benjamin was named chairman. The dinner, he recalled in an OPC *Bulletin* article in 1959, was partly in honor of a book written by various club members, "The Inside Story," that he had put together to raise money. Bob was also, fortuitously, an editor of the publishing company that brought it out. It became a best seller and made a lot of money for the club. *The Saturday Review of Literature*, no less, called it "good off-the-record journalism" and "highly revealing reading as well." The review noted, "The spontaneity and journalistic bonhomie that marked the founding of the Overseas Press Club is also reflected in the newspaper yarns, for inevitably every foreign correspondent has at least one hitherto unpublished account of the actual behind-the-scenes dramas that take place on the international stage."

The first dinner—the last annual event to be held before Pearl Harbor—was a big hit, incidentally. Amy Vanderbilt helped Bob put together a glittering guest list that included Herbert Hoover, David Sarnoff and Alexander Kerensky. The club took off and never looked back, with membership by 1961

at 3,300. It also was making plenty of money. J.F.K., Henry Kissinger, Golda Meir, King Hussein and assorted governors, ambassadors, authors and musicians all came by. Edward R. Murrow, who helped raise the money to buy the building the club owned at 54 West 40th Street, was a seven-time OPC award winner.

That same issue of Dateline included an article by OPC member George E. Burns on the glory days of the club and the former clubhouse. Here are excerpts:

by George E. Burns

The club was housed in a stately mansion at 54 West 40th Street in Manhattan. The dark-paneled bar and grill past the lobby teemed nightly with reporters, some of whom patronized the grill. On the second floor a formal dining room opened through French doors overlooking Bryant Park's lush foliage and nocturnal drug peddlers....

The resident membership included two contentious political groups: the Lunch Crowd, dignified and serious; and the Bar Crowd, convivial and boisterous. The Lunch Crowd looked with disdain on the Bar Crowd, which made bawdy sport of the Lunch Crowd. The two segments in combination represented a typical cross section of the reporters of the day (journalists had not been invented yet)....

In 1969 the triumphant Bar Crowd finally unseated the entrenched Lunch Crowd, electing Will Oursler president.

The Chemists' Club: Our New Neighbor

In our new clubhouse, we are sharing quarters with the century-old Chemists' Club. That organization, the first Chemists' Club in the world, was formed on November 29, 1898 by 154 chemists who previously gathered at such makeshift locations as after-hours spots and empty classrooms.

In 1911, the Chemists' Club's long-time headquarters was opened at 52 East 41st Street, near Grand Central Station. The OPC once shared space with the Chemists in that building. Herb

SAVE THE DATES

**WELCOME TO THE
NEW CLUBHOUSE PARTY**
Thursday, September 30, 1999

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Thursday, April 27, 2000
Grand Hyatt Hotel
in New York City

The new administration's first act was to audit the books, which astonished both parties by revealing a devastating debt. It was too late for the stunned victors to reverse the election. The OPC soon lost its clubhouse and began a long, slow decline, reversed only in recent years.

But the decade or so before that disaster were supernova years, the club's true glory days.

The clubhouse bar was the liveliest venue. Stantees, often two ranks deep, speared drinks over the shoulders of barstool squatters. Reporters, neckties loosened, drinks flowing, cigarettes dangling, exchanged amazing stories, and argued politics and issues. The debate was ongoing as to which of the six or so dailies then publishing had the most inept editors and management, with each reporter at pains to prove that his did...

The AP's legendary columnist Hal Boyle, known for keeping very late hours at the bar, was once asked, "What did your wife say when you got home last night?" He responded, "I don't know. She hasn't gotten to the verb yet."

Kupferberg, a former OPC president, reminisced: "I've always been glad my tenure was at the old Chemists' Club, which I still remember fondly every time I pass their empty building."

The Chemists' Club has held many of the most important chemical meetings of the century and has become the acknowledged headquarters for those interested in the science, practice and applications of chemistry and chemical engineering.

We are in good company.

PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

BERKELEY, California: Pham-Duy Nguyen, winner of the OPC Foundation's 1999 Alexander Kendrick Scholarship, was set late this summer to leave for Vietnam, financing the trip with her \$2,000 scholarship. "I plan to spend five weeks in Vietnam, where I will work in the Hanoi bureau of *The San Jose Mercury News* pretending to be a foreign correspondent," Nguyen told the *Bulletin*. The California newspaper, where she has been working as an intern, was one of the first U.S. dailies to establish a bureau in Hanoi. Born in Vietnam, Pham-Duy left that Southeast Asian nation with her family in 1981, arriving in the United States at age 7 after spending 15 months in refugee camps in Thailand and Indonesia. Returning to Vietnam for the first time, she expects to meet relatives who live in Saigon. After her OPC Foundation scholarship trip, Nguyen, who will be 25 in August, will resume work on her master's degree in journalism at the University of California at Berkeley. She'll spend a year finishing her studies.

CHAPEL HILL, North Carolina: OPC member William F. Bland is a man with the eagle eye of a skilled news desk editor. When the OPC announced the address of its new home in New York City's Club Quarters, Bland saw a near match with the OPC address back in the days when we owned our own building. Bland told the *Bulletin*: "That [new] address, 40 West 45th, bears an uncanny closeness to 54 West 40th, which was where the Club was located when I had office space in the then 'World Press Center.'" OPC Executive Director Sonya Fry commented: "The coincidence of numbers—it is written in the stars—I know reporters don't dig that idea."

CINCINNATI, Ohio: Michael Gallagher, 41, a former *Cincinnati Enquirer* reporter whose investigation into the banana industry reached into Central and South America, was sentenced to five years probation July 16 after pleading guilty to stealing internal voice-mail messages from Chiquita Brands International. The judge in the Hamilton County Common Pleas Court also ordered him to perform 200 hours of

community service. *The Enquirer* fired Gallagher last year, retracted his articles, apologized to Chiquita on its front page and paid the company more than \$10 million to avoid being sued (November 1998 *Bulletin*). His articles accused Chiquita of bribery in Colombia and endangering public health in Central America with the pesticides used on its banana crops

HONG KONG: Our reciprocal Foreign Correspondents' Clubs (FCC) in Hong Kong and Tokyo elected new officers this spring and summer for the 1999-2000 club year. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of its move from Shanghai, the Hong Kong FCC elected as its president Philip Segal, *International Herald Tribune*, who succeeded freelancer Diane Stormont. Segal reported to the *Bulletin*: "When I



Philip Segal

poked my head into the place [the club] in 1986 on a trip through Hong Kong, I said to myself how wonderful it would be just to belong. The idea that I could be President is more than a dream come true."

Other elected officers: Christopher Slaughter, CNBC, 1st vice president, and Ray Rudowski, TVB News (Hong Kong), 2nd vice president. Correspondent and journalist governors are freelancers Hubert van Es, Saul Lockhart and Bob Davis; David O'Rear, *The Economist* Intelligence Unit; Lisa Barron, CNN; Mark Landler, *The New York Times*; Cathy Hillborn Feng, *Far Eastern Economic Review*; Rowan Callick, *Australian Financial Review*; Francis Moriarty, Radio Television Hong Kong; and Liu Kin-ming, Hong Kong's *Apple Daily*.

In Tokyo Roger Schreffler, E.I.U. Publications, was elected president of the club that was organized in 1945 immediately after the end of World War II.



Roger Schreffler

He succeeded Robert Neff, *Business Week*. Others elected officers: James Treece, *Automotive News*, 1st vice president; Kazuo Abiko, AP, 2nd vice president; Firdous Khergamvala, *The Hindu* (Madras, India), secretary; and OPCer Bruce Dunning, CBS News, treasurer. Directors are Jim Lagier, AP; Caroline Parsons, Aria Pictures; Peter Hadfield, freelance; and Sandra Mori, Eastern Publishing.

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee: New OPC member Ronda Robinson, who writes for *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*, plans to move this autumn to Israel, where she hopes to land news assignments or a staff position. During 22 years with newspapers and magazines, she has written and edited for *Jerusalem Post*, *Jerusalem Report*, *USA Today*, *Rolling Stone* and *Travel & Leisure*. Contact Robinson by telephone (423) 588-5859 or e-mail ronda@kornet.org



Ronda Robinson

LAHORE, Pakistan: Although sedition charges against him were dropped, newspaper editor Najam Sethi said he was barred by police from leaving for London this summer to receive a human rights award. Sethi, editor of the English-language weekly *The Friday Times* was arrested in May on alleged links to an Indian intelligence agency. In June, charges were dropped and he was released from jail (June *Bulletin*). But Sethi said that later that month police refused to allow him to board a Pakistan International Airlines flight to England.



Najam Sethi

LIMA: Baruch Ivcher, owner of Frecuencia Latina, Channel 2, was stripped of his Peruvian citizenship and exiled, and Julio Sotelo, the television station's former manager, was arrested in June and sentenced to four years in jail after the station reported alleged corruption, torture and murder by President Alberto Fujimori's intelligence service. "Look at me," Sotelo said in an inter-

view with *The Washington Post*. "I am part of the proof that free speech is disappearing in my country." In a July dispatch from Lima, *The Post's* **Anthony Faiola** wrote: "The Ivcher case—or the story of how the Peruvian government blocked investigative reporting at Frecuencia Latina, Channel 2—is being cited as a prime example in a campaign of what Fujimori's critics call intimidation and harassment of journalists in Peru." Freedom House and the Committee to Protect Journalists have ranked Peru alongside Cuba as the worst offenders of press freedom in the Americas. But Fujimori rejected the charges, telling *The Post*: "I have this conviction that there should be a free press....If there is some [crime against the press], there is immediately an order to the minister of internal security to investigate." Ivcher, his wife and two daughters fled to his native Israel. Sotelo, 48, was transferred from his cell to an intensive care ward because of heart and respiratory problems.

LONDON: Appointment of **Greg Dyke**, head of Pearson Television, to become director-general of BBC next year "drew protests from the Conservative opposition about BBC's independence and brought angry denunciations of what many call the 'dumbing down' of programs," **Alan Cowell** of *The New York Times* reported in June. Dyke, 52, is a millionaire supporter of the Labor Party and has donated \$87,000 to the political campaigns of Prime Minister Tony Blair and his followers, *The Times* said. But Dyke told reporters he has resigned from the Labor Party, and "I have every confidence in my ability to maintain the impartiality and the independence of the BBC, which I feel enormously strongly about." Critics questioned Dyke's programming tastes. At Pearson TV he supervised acquisition of All American Communications, which produces the shows "Baywatch" and "The Price Is Right." Dyke is scheduled to become BBC's director-general next April.

Samantha Jones, formerly with ABC News in London, has moved to Bloomberg TV's London office, coordinating event coverage.

NEW YORK: Several *Newsweek* correspondents are on the move. **Dorinda Elliott**, Hong Kong bureau chief and former bureau chief in Moscow and Beijing,

was appointed Asia editor of *Newsweek International*, succeeding **Steven Strasser**, who becomes national affairs editor. Replacing Elliott in Hong Kong this autumn will be **Brook Larmer**, Miami bureau chief and former Latin American editor. **Joe Contreras**, Jerusalem bureau chief, replaces Larmer in Miami. Contreras earlier was posted to Johannesburg, Buenos Aires and Mexico City. **Daniel Klaidman**, a Washington correspondent, goes to Jerusalem. **Joshua Hammer**, Los Angeles bureau chief who earlier reported from Buenos Aires and Nairobi, becomes Berlin bureau chief this autumn, and national correspondent **Mark Miller** replaces him in Los Angeles. **Andrew Nagorski**, Berlin bureau chief who earlier was bureau chief in Moscow, Warsaw and Hong Kong, returns to New York later this year. After completing a fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, **Jeffrey Bartholet**, former bureau chief in Nairobi, Jerusalem and Tokyo, becomes an international writer. Johannesburg bureau chief **Marcus Mabry**, will spend the next year as the **Edward R. Murrow** fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations in New York City. Replacing him in Johannesburg will be senior writer **Tom Masland**, who previously reported from South Africa for the *Chicago Tribune*.



Marshall Loeb

OPC member **Marshall Loeb**, former editor of *Fortune* who started his journalism career with United Press in Frankfurt nearly 50 years ago, moves to the Internet in August. He will write a daily column on personal finance, the stock market and the economy for CBS MarketWatch.com while keeping his hands in old-style media by doing radio reports for CBS News. "I'm always stimulated by working with something new, and on-line journalism is certainly on the cutting edge and rapidly changing," he told AP. After reporting from Germany, Loeb joined Time Inc. and over the years was business editor of *Time*, editor of *Money* and editor of *Fortune*. For the past three years, he has served as editor of the *Columbia Journalism Review* and was a juror for the 1999 Pulitzer Prizes.

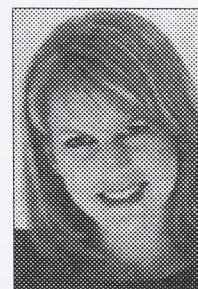
Because of high income taxes on American workers, *The New York Times* is pulling out of Canada and plans to cover that country from Denver. **Anthony DePalma**, *The Times* Toronto correspondent, was taxed 40 percent on his income and the medical and tuition payments made for him by the newspaper. **Howard Kurtz**, who covers media for *The Washington Post*, quoted **Andrew Rosenthal**, *Times* foreign editor, as saying: "Our tax bill this year was something close to twice his gross salary, which is just too much." As to assigning Canadian coverage to Denver, Rosenthal said: "Journalistically, it's not great. *The Times* actually cares about Canada. It was a very hard decision." But Denver is becoming an international gateway. From the Colorado city, Air Canada operates flights to five Canadian cities, Korean Airlines flies direct to Seoul and British Airways flies nonstop to London.



Rachel Swarns and Henri Cauvin

Rachel Lucille Swarns, who is scheduled to become *The New York Times* Johannesburg bureau chief in September, and **Henri Edward Cauvin**, who plans to freelance for *The Times* in Johannesburg, were married July 17 on Staten Island, New York. Swarns is a reporter for *The Times* in New York City, and Cauvin was a reporter for the *New York Daily News* until he resigned earlier in July.

Katherine Betts, 35, a former fashion reporter in Europe, is the new editor in chief of *Harper's Bazaar*, replacing **Elizabeth Tilberis**, who died of ovarian cancer April 21. After graduating from Princeton University in 1986, Betts got a job in Paris with the *International Herald Tribune*, sorting mail and answering the telephone. After writing an article about wild boar hunting for



Katherine Betts

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European Travel & Life, she was hired as a reporter in Paris for Fairchild Publications, whose magazines include *Women's Wear Daily*, *W* and *M*, and later was appointed Fairchild's Paris bureau chief. In 1991 she was hired by *Vogue* in New York and became its fashion news director. A few days after her June 24 resignation from *Vogue* to join rival magazine *Harper's Bazaar*, Betts, who is married to author **Chip Brown**, gave birth to their first child, **Oliver**. She is scheduled to start her new job Sept. 1.



Grigory Pasko and wife Galina

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia: After 20 months in solitary confinement, **Grigory Pasko**, 37, a Russian military journalist, was freed from jail July 20 when a military court ruled that he had overstepped his authority as a newspaper reporter but was entitled to amnesty. The court dropped treason charges. A career captain in the Russian Navy, Pasko was a reporter for *Boevaya Vakhta* (*Battle Watch*), newspaper of Russia's Pacific Fleet, and a stringer for Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), Japan's largest TV network. In 1997 after NHK broadcast a report that Russia was dumping nuclear wastes in the sea, Pasko was arrested and charged with selling national secrets (March *Bulletin*). Held behind closed doors, his trial lasted seven months. The military prosecutor had demanded that Pasko be stripped of his rank and sent to prison for 12 years. From Moscow, **Michael R. Gordon** of *The New York Times* reported: "Protests from international human rights groups had turned the case into an embarrassment for the Kremlin. And today the Vladivostok court appeared to seek a face-saving way out." While in jail, Pasko was able to describe his prison life on the Internet. *The Times* reported: "From behind the walls of a Vladivostok jail, Captain Pasko has resorted to a time-honored Russian practice: chronicling the dismal life inside the country's overcrowded and disease-

infested prisons." His first prison essay, titled "Cookie," slang for a first-time prisoner, "is a set of survival tips for new prisoners and an informal dissertation on the sociology of Russia's jail." Pasko's jail house diary appeared on an Internet site that deals with political news: <http://www.polit.ru/index-dossier/mayday/>

WASHINGTON: In his 1891 novel "The Light That Failed," **Rudyard Kipling** wrote: "Talking of war, there'll be trouble in the Balkans in the spring." After the trouble this spring, OPC member **Elias P. Demetracopoulos** sent the *Bulletin* one of his old dispatches reporting that Benito Mussolini's Italian government considered Kosovo as being a part of Albania before Italy annexed Albania in 1939. Thirty-seven years ago, Demetracopoulos was Athens correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance (NANA) and political editor at three Greek newspapers: *Ethnos*, *Macedonia* and *Athens Daily Post*. In a Jan. 11, 1962, NANA dispatch, the Greek journalist reported that leaflets being distributed in Albania contained a map that showed parts of Greece and Yugoslavia, including all of Kosovo, as belonging to "Greater Albania." Demetracopoulos reported: "The map printed on those leaflets was an exact reproduction of a map dating from the Italian Fascist period, printed in 1938 in Albanian by the Mussolini government."

April Oliver is ratcheting up her charges against CNN for firing her and retracting last year's Tailwind broadcast that she co-produced, contending that the U.S. military used sarin nerve gas against defectors in Laos during the Vietnam War. According to her own news release, written in the third person, Oliver filed an amended lawsuit in June charging CNN with "fraud, intentional interference with business relations and defamation." Her press release continued: "The nearly 80-page document contains new details about the controversial Tailwind report on nerve gas use during a 1970 mission to kill defectors. She references documents that reinforce that the Tailwind report was properly sourced, and the internal CNN investigation, which resulted in her dismissal, was a fraud." Oliver is seeking \$7 million in compensatory damages and \$100 million in punitive damages.

IN MEMORY

Stanley Tretick, who had been a Korean War photographer, made the widely published picture of 3-year-old John F. Kennedy Jr. playing under his father's White House desk. On July 19, three days after JFK Jr.'s plane crashed off Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, Tretick, 77, died of pneumonia at a nursing home in Gaithersburg, Maryland. He had been incapacitated for the past four



Stanley Tretick

years following several strokes. "I told him what happened [to JFK Jr., his wife and sister-in-law] over the weekend, but I'm not sure he was aware of it," Kitty Kelly, a friend, told *The New York Times*. "I told him his photographs were all over television." In October 1963, Tretick made a series of photos of President Kennedy and his son, including the desk picture, for *Look* magazine. Earlier, Tretick was a Korean War photographer for Acme News Pictures and United Press. Starting in 1952, he covered the White House, Capitol Hill, and presidential campaigns and elections.

Howard Flieger, 89, a former international editor of *U.S. News & World Report* who later became the magazine's executive editor, died July 11 of cardio-respiratory failure at a health center in Potomac, Maryland, where he was being treated for a fractured vertebra suffered in an accidental fall. After working for AP in Missouri and Washington, D.C., Flieger joined *U.S. News* in 1945 as a political writer in Washington. He later was managing editor of *World Report*. When the two magazines merged in 1948, he was named international editor and retired in 1976 as executive editor.

Earl W. Foell, 69, a former foreign correspondent and editor of *The Christian Science Monitor*, died at a Cambridge, Massachusetts, inpatient unit July 10 following a brief illness. In 1949, immediately after graduating from college with a mathematics degree, Foell joined *The Monitor* as a copy boy for two years, spent two years in the military and returned to the newspaper as a reporter in 1953. After working as an editorial writer and reporting from overseas, he joined

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NEW BOOKS

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investigation. Kallstrom first believed that a terrorist bomb brought down the plane. "He wasn't alone in thinking this," the publisher's summary of the book says. "Quietly, President Clinton put the country in the highest state of emergency since the Cuban Missile Crisis." New York's *Daily News* described Milton's book as a "compelling account of the search to find the truth. Drawing on many sources, she focuses on Kallstrom's painstaking and emotionally wrenching FBI inquiry."

• Two registered nurses, **Thelma M. Schorr**, wife of OPC board member **Norman Schorr**, and **Maureen Shawn Kennedy** describe the challenges, achievements and setbacks of American nurses in "100 Years of American Nursing: Celebrating a Century of Caring" [Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins]. With more than 400 photographs and other illustrations, this coffee table book reports on nurses serving in wars, epidemics, social upheavals, earthquakes, space missions, and civil unrest. On human rights issues, the authors point out that at the end of the 19th century hospitals and nursing schools were segregated by race, but today black nurses care for patients of all races. The book includes commentaries written by 16 contemporary nursing leaders. Both authors graduated from Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing in New York City and started their nursing careers at Bellevue. Schorr was editor in chief and publisher of the *American Journal of Nursing*, principal magazine in that field. Kennedy has managed conventions and exhibits for the American Journal of Nursing Company and now is the organization's education specialist and director of special programs. At the June centennial meeting of the International Council of Nurses in London, Schorr and Kennedy in one hour signed and sold 100 copies of their book, all that were available at the meeting.

• In "Father/Land: A Personal Search for the New Germany" [New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons], **Frederick Kempe**, editor of *The Wall Street Journal Europe*, looks back to his German ancestors to find out whether the new Germany is truly new. The author quotes Hans Frank, Nazi Governor General of Poland: "A thousand years will pass and the guilt of Germany won't be erased." Reviewing the book, OPC board member **Roger**

Cohen, *The New York Times* Berlin bureau chief, wrote: "Some of the most powerful passages in the book come as he confronts his family. As his father explains Hitler without condemning him; as his uncle asks why nobody cares about the eight million Germans who died in World War II; as a cousin tells the terrifying story of how his Nazi father, Kempe's great-uncle, turned him into the police for minor pilfering; and, finally, as Kempe discovers the monstrous crimes of that great-uncle when he policed one of Hitler's prison camps...It is the singular achievement of this work to render the darkness still lurking beneath the 'new Germany' with a shocking immediacy."

• **Willy Wo-lap Lam**, associate editor and China editor of Hong Kong's daily *South China Morning Post*, believes that Franklin D. Roosevelt and the New Deal are role models for President Jiang Zemin of China. Speaking at a professional lunch in Hong Kong's Foreign Correspondents' Club, Lam made that point in discussing his second book on China's leaders, "The Era of Jiang Zemin" [Singapore: Prentice Hall]. "Some of these New Deal mechanics were incorporated by Jiang," the author

said. "Jiang has studied FDR closely." The Chinese leader's challenge is to make China's economy grow by at least 7 to 8 percent annually while the private sector grows even more so as to absorb workers laid off by state enterprises, Lam said. "Jiang Zemin's priority is maintaining economic and political stability," the journalist said. "That is what Deng Xiaoping taught him after the June 4 [Tiananmen] crisis." As for democracy in China, Lam predicted that village elections will be expanded from the current village level to county and then municipal level. "By 2018-2023 perhaps some national level officials will be elected," Lam told the Correspondents Club. Reviewing the book in the July/August issue of *Foreign Affairs*, **Lucian W. Pye**, the China-born political science educator and author who specializes on Asia, wrote that Lam "the doyen of China-watchers, has drawn on inside information and a deep understanding of Chinese politics to paint a surprisingly respectful picture of Jiang...He depicts Jiang as a master political fixer and manipulator, something of a showman, but also a leader deficient in 'the vision thing.'"

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The Los Angeles Times as U.N. bureau chief 1968-1970. He returned to *The Monitor* in 1970, serving successively as managing editor, editor, editor in chief, chief editorial writer and editor of the editorial page. He also was editor in chief of the monthly *World Monitor Magazine*, published by the Christian Science Publishing Society, from 1988 until it closed in 1993. This June, he was named contributing editor *The Monitor*. Foell served several terms as a Pulitzer Prize judge, most recently this year.



Earl W. Foell

◆ **Brigid O'Hara-Forster** joined *Time* in 1968 as secretary to managing editor **Henry Grunwald** and later became a reporter-researcher in the magazine's World section. In 1996, she returned to her native Britain to work on *Time's* Atlantic edition, writing on subjects as diverse as Wimbledon and Russian art. In *Time's* July 19 issue, deputy managing

editor **Jim Kelly** wrote: "Her greatest passion was for friendship, and her greatest pleasure came from conversation with friends, conversation that was full of curiosity about how the world worked and a moral energy about how it should work." O'Hara-Forster died July 5 in London of a brain aneurysm.

◆ **Larry E. Joyce**, 60, a career U.S. Army officer who in the 1970s was general manager of the European-Middle East edition of *Stars & Stripes*, died in Granbury, Texas, April 30 of leukemia. When his military son **Casey** died in Somalia, Joyce became an activist for reform of policies governing the use of military personnel in peace-keeping operations. He testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee, criticizing the use of military personnel as peace keepers, and met with President Bill Clinton. His campaign led to new policies, *The Stars and Stripes Association News* said. Joyce served in Vietnam as an advisor and later a helicopter pilot, was a public affairs officer in the Pentagon and after leaving the Army served as executive of two national health organizations. He was buried next to his son's grave in Arlington National Cemetery.

New Books

*Fay Gillis Wells was
One of the first
Females to fly.
Yes, a hidden heroine
Of the sky.*

• Quoted in part, that poem introduces the reader to a remarkable book, remarkable because it was written by a 12-year-old girl, **Sara Rimmerman**. Sara's "Hidden Heroine—Fay Gillis Wells" [Reston, Virginia: Zeus Enterprises, Inc.] is the first biography published on the life of **Fay Gillis Wells**, pioneer aviator, foreign correspondent and a founding member of the OPC. Sara, now a 7th grader, describes how Wells, now 90, soloed for her private pilot's license at age 20; parachuted a day later from an experimental Curtiss X8664 when the plane disintegrated in mid-air while her flight instructor tested it in aerobatics; was the first woman pilot accepted into the Caterpillar Club, whose members have saved their lives by parachuting from disabled aircraft; was a founding member of Ninety-Nines, an organization of women aviators founded in 1929; flew over Moscow in 1932 to become the first woman to pilot a Soviet aircraft in Russia; covered the 1934 enthronement of Pu Yi, Japan's puppet emperor of Manchukuo, and the Italo-Ethiopian War, 1935-1936; was a White House correspondent during the administrations of Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter; and now serves as co-chair of the International Forest of Friendship, a park in Atchison, Kansas, birthplace of her friend Amelia Earhart, that is dedicated to aviators and astronauts.

Illustrated with historic photos and documents collected by the author,

"Hidden Heroine" is a thin book, only 30 pages, but a credit and tribute to a youthful talent. Sara started work on the book when she was in the fifth grade. Wells had spoken to the third grade class attended by Sara's sister, **Rachel Rimmerman**, and Sara was fascinated when Rachel told her about Wells' adventures. The two girls attend school at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where their father is assistant superintendent of schools at the military base and their mother is a library aide.

Hearing of Sara's interest, Rachel's teacher, **Debbie Sack**, invited the two girls to meet Wells at lunch in Atchison. Sack then suggested to Sara that writing



Sara Rimmerman and Fay Gillis Wells

about Wells would be an excellent class project. So two days after the lunch, Sara and the teacher returned to Atchison, and the young girl tape recorded an interview with Wells, who talked more about Earhart than about herself. "It took Sara more than a year to dig out all the details of Fay Wells' life," Sack told the *Bulletin*.

Sara spent two years researching and writing the book, using more interviews, the Internet, magazines, newspapers and

the National Air and Space Museum. The poem at the top of this item was written by Rachel when she was 10 years old. Sara told the *Bulletin* that she wants to become a published writer of what she calls realistic fiction. "That way I can twist a story to the way I like," she said. Priced at \$10, the book may be ordered from Sara Rimmerman, 1405 NE 101 Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri 64155, telephone (816) 734-8803, e-mail s2r2@swbell.net

• At an age when most people are retired or planning retirement, OPC member **Virginia White** went to Hungary with the U.S. Peace Corps in 1992 to teach English in a high school near Budapest. In 1990, the Soviet Army had marched out of Hungary and left the nation economically despondent. But by the mid-1990s, Hungary was being hailed as the economic miracle of post-communist Eastern Europe. White saw this progress while she taught high school English and, on her own, studied Hungarian history, language and culture. She tells her story in "Over the Hill in Hungary" [Nova Science Publishers].

• From day one, OPC member **Pat Milton**, an AP reporter for more than 20 years, covered the 1996 explosion of TWA flight 800 off Long Island, killing all 230 people aboard, and the long investigation that followed. In "In the Blink of an Eye: The Inside Story of the FBI's Investigation of TWA Flight 800" [New York: Random House/Current Affairs], Milton describes the investigation as seen from the point of view of Jim Kallstrom, assistant director of the FBI, who led the

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